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TRAVEL ALERT issued statewide

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) has issued a statewide **TRAVEL ALERT** due to blowing and drifting snow.

- In addition, **N.D. Highway 21** is blocked from Carson to New Leipzig due to snow drifts.

The **No Travel Advisory** remains for the south central and south eastern region of the state.

Highways included in the No Travel Advisory are:

- All highways south of I-94 from Bismarck to the Minnesota border
- US highway 83 from I-94 to the South Dakota border
- US highway 281 from I-94 to the South Dakota border
- I-29 from Christine to the South Dakota border

Due to zero visibility from heavy snowfall, weather conditions are making it unsafe for snow plows to be out on roadways in Lidgerwood, Wyndmere, Wahpeton, Lisbon and Forman areas. Plows will resume operation when it is safe.

Please be advised that information on 511 is updated daily from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. CST. The 511 road report is based upon the information available to the NDDOT at the time of preparation and is provided solely as a public service. Conditions may vary from those reported. All travelers are encouraged to monitor road conditions, reduce traffic speeds as weather conditions occur and use caution while traveling. For road information, call 511 from any type of phone or go to the website: www.511.nd.gov for road and weather conditions.

Travel Alerts - are issued to alert motorists that areas of challenging winter driving conditions may be encountered. Conditions are such that motorists can still travel; however, they should be aware that rapidly changing conditions may result in travel delays due to reduced speeds and visibility.

No Travel Advisories - are issued when conditions warrant no travel but not a road closure. No Travel Advisories have the potential to change to a Road Closure if conditions deteriorate. No Travel Advisories are issued for public safety to encourage motorists not to venture out onto the roads. Motorists are urged to take No Travel Advisories seriously. Conditions change often during a storm event and motorists may become stranded if they are caught between destinations.

If motorists become stranded they should stay with their vehicle and call 911 for emergency assistance.